

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE, CUDAHY, WI ON TUESDAY,  
**September 28, 2010**

**ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chairman Ponec with the following members present: Gerald Ponec, Dr. Johnson, Dr. Sherman, Robert Grams, Frank Stanaszek, Carol Wantuch and Neal White. Absent and excused: Lynn Damitz and Ald. Mary Schissel.

Also in attendance at the beginning of the meeting was Cudahy resident, Faith M. Wood, who expressed her concerns verbally and in writing about the use of fluoride in the Cudahy water.

Chairman Ponec explained that it was not within the jurisdiction of the Board of Health to make decisions on the use of fluoride. He did explain that the Board will investigate this matter.

**OPENING STATEMENT**

The proper opening statement was read.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Moved by Frank Stanaszek, seconded by Dr. Sherman to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2010 meeting. All voting in favor.

**HEALTH OFFICER REPORT**

1. **Flu Clinic**  
The date is Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at City Hall and will again be conducted by Wheaton Franciscan. A food drive will be held with all donations going to Project Concern in Cudahy.
2. **World Cafe**  
This event is sponsored by the Cudahy School District at the high school on September 30, 2010. The purpose is to gather input from citizens on curriculum and school issues. Carol Wantuch will be a participant.
3. **Dr. Foley to CDC**  
State Health Officer, Dr. Seth Foley, is leaving his position to join the CDC in Atlanta, GA.
4. **Summer Happenings**  
The Health Department was without one of the nurses for six weeks due to illness. She has now returned and they are back to normalcy.  
Karen Stewart visited the Health Department recently to monitor Vaccine For Children vaccine storage and to be sure a plan was established to deal with the possibility of a power outage. Ms. Stewart commended the Health Department on their diligence regarding vaccines.  
To date there have been 32 animal bites reported which is an increase from prior years. Carol also noted that recently a 23 month old child was bitten by the family dog and the child required sutures. Carol Wantuch responded to Frank Stanaszek's inquiry about the process followed for animal bites.
5. **Emergency Plans for Adult Housing**  
There will be emergency plans soon for the senior housing complexes at Evergreen and Washington Squares. This comes as a result of meetings held with managers of these complexes with Carol Wantuch, a city nurse and a fireman. Carol Wantuch has also applied for a Homeland Security grant to be used for training managers and residents on what to do in the event of an emergency and to actually have a drill with the residents.
6. **WIC Money**  
WIC received \$3552 money from stimulus funds and this will be used to improve the immunization status of Cudahy WIC children.

7. **Lead Grant Money**  
The Cudahy Health Department has volunteered to be a pilot site to add blood lead poisoning test results to the Wisconsin Immunization (WIR) website.
8. **Police Range**  
The police firing range, in the basement of City Hall, was found to have high levels of lead dust. This area must now have lead abatement done professionally before it can be used.
9. **School Surveillance Chart**  
The schools are still recording a daily log of all absences. The Health Department is monitoring for any trends of possible communicable diseases at a particular school.
10. **Health Aides**  
A class was held prior to schools opening for all School District of Cudahy health aides. The class covered such topics as immunization compliance law, communicable disease and the use of the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. As of the 2009-2010 school year, Cudahy is 99.74% compliant with student immunization.
11. **Public Health Consortium**  
The Health Department will be participating in a voluntary research study to plan for mass dispensing operations. This study is being sponsored by the Schools of Public Health at the University of Minnesota and the University of Illinois. The Health Department will be randomly assigned to either a group facilitation and tabletop walk-through or a virtual walk-through.
12. **Grant Update**  
The Cudahy Health Department has lost grants for pregnancy testing and referral, Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs and radon detection. These grants were re-assigned to other agencies.
13. **Schools:**  
High school students interested in health careers will visit the Health Department on 10/4/2010.
14. **Environmental Health:**  
Marty Zabkowicz is working on updates to the City Code Chapter 20. The changes have been forwarded to the City Attorney. He is also going to be checking on results of this summer's larvicide drops.
15. **Delivering Fire Prevention:**  
Ed Wrench is working with Safe Kids of Wisconsin, the Cudahy Fire Department and Pizza Hut on promoting fire prevention. If a Cudahy family with children calls in for a pizza delivery on October 21<sup>st</sup>, they may have a fire truck arrive first. If the family has all working smoke detectors --- the pizza is free.
16. **Safe Nite Out**  
Event was held August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and was a huge success. The Health Department gave out 200 bike helmets.
17. **Walk Your Child to School**  
This event is to be held soon at each elementary school. Ed Wrench is visiting schools, teaching pedestrian safety. On October 6<sup>th</sup> there will be groups of parents, student and City officials walking to a particular school.
18. **Flood July 22 & 23, 2010**  
Carol Wantuch is presently working with FEMA to recover costs incurred by the City during the flood and recovery period.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Finances**

As of this date 73% of budgeted Health Department expenditures have been spent and 118.6% of the projected revenues have been received.

The first draft of the 2011 Health Department budget has been created with an increase in health insurance costs as well as projected increase in contracted salaries.

Moved by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Frank Stanaszek to accept the Health Officer's report.  
All voting in favor.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 6:15 PM.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Frank Stanaszek, seconded by Dr. Sherman to adjourn (7:17 PM).  
All voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Neal White, Secretary